IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 6

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

TO THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CON-GRESS ASSEMBLED, TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IDAHO.

We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and the Senate of the State of Idaho assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, Russia launched a full-scale military invasion of its peaceful neighbor Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, over 30 years ago, Ukraine declared its independence and in 1994 the United States, the Russian Federation, and the United Kingdom signed an agreement whereby each country pledged to respect the independence and sovereignty of Ukraine's borders in return for its nuclear disarmament; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Ukraine have been indicating their will to form closer alliances with the West, resulting in the protest and ejection of Ukrainian President Yanukovich, a close ally of the President of Russia, in 2014; and

WHEREAS, in complete disregard for the sovereignty and will of the Ukrainian people to have peaceful and free elections, Russia has since that time been taking aggressive actions in areas on the Russia-Ukraine border; and

WHEREAS, Russia has violently attacked Ukraine under various false pretenses and is bringing its greater military might to bear on the brave and determined people of Ukraine, who have called on the world to support them against this flagrant and unjustified attack.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that the people of the State of Idaho commend the courage and resolve shown by the Ukrainian people in defending their country against Russian aggressors and urge the Governor of the State of Idaho to take all appropriate measures to sanction Russia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States should fully support the legitimately elected government of Ukraine and condemn, sanction, and deter Russia's illegal and immoral violent attack on Ukraine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, to the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States, and to the Governor of the State of Idaho.